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SUBJECT: JUNE 14 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

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FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 14, 1977

1. PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT REACTS TO HOLBROOKE MESSAGE.

MINISTER STULL FOUND MARCOS UNCOMFORTABLE AND "ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE" IN THEIR DISCUSSION TODAY ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. MARCOS MAINTAINED THAT FILIPINOS ABUSED BY THE ARMY MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO COMPLAIN TO HIS GOVERNMENT, AND ASKED THE US TO HELP BY PROVIDING "LEADS." (MANILA 9145, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO AN IRATE IRAQI?

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ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER DAVID MACK OF OUR INTERESTS SECTION IN BAGHDAD BELIEVES THE DEPARTMENT'S JUNE 13 COMMENTS OUTLINING CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH LIBYA MAY RAISE SPECULATION THAT WE WILL IMPOSE SIMILAR CONDITIONS FOR ACHIEVING CLOSER US-IRAQI TIES. HE REQUESTS GUIDANCE TO ANSWER THOSE WITHIN THE BAGHDAD

GOVERNMENT WHO MIGHT VIEW THIS AS A US GAMBIT TO CHANGE IRAQ'S POSTION IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

3. THE LEBANESE DILEMMA.

SARKIS TOLD AMBASSADOR PARKER YESTERDAY THAT LEBANON'S POLITICAL AND RECONSTRUCTION DIFFICULTIES ARE SO INTIMATELY LINKED THAT THEY PRACTICALLY DEFIED SOLUTION. HE COMPLAINED PARTICULARLY THAT THE SAUDIS, UPON WHOM SO MUCH DEPENDS, ARE NOT COOPERATING TO THE DEGREE EXPECTED IN IMPLEMENTING THE CAIRO ACCORD. (BEIRUT 2825, CONFIDENTIAL/ EXDIS.)

4. ISRAEL: DMC COUNCIL VOTES TO SUSPEND COALITION TALKS.

HAVING VOTED VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUSLY TO BREAK OFF COALITION TALKS UNTIL THE LIKUD CHANGES ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION, TOP DMC LEADERS MAINTAIN THAT BEGIN DOES NOT REALLY WANT THE DMC AS A PARTNER. THEY HOLD THAT IF BEGIN DOES INDEED DESIRE A BROADER GOVERNMENT, HE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND DISPLAY GREATER FLEXIBILITY. (TEL AVIV 4271, CONFIDENTIAL.)

5. JERUSALEM'S MAYOR COMMENTS ON BEGIN AND THE FUTURE.

MAYOR KOLLEK BELIEVES BEGIN WILL BE DIFFICULT ON LESSER ISSUES BECAUSE HE WILL HAVE TO YIELD ON LARGE ONES (IMPLY-ING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK), AND THIS COULD HAVE AN EXPLOSIVE EFFECT ON THE DELICATE POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS
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BALANCE IN JERUSALEM. (JERUSAEM 861. CONFIDENTIAL.)

6. TOTH CASE: JUNE 14 TINTERROGATION AT LEFORTOVO.

LOS ANGELES TIMES CORRESPONDENT TOTH CONSIDERS THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT OF HIS FOUR-HOUR INTERROGATION BY THE KGB IN LEFORTOVO PRISON TO BE THE INTERROGATOR'S INFERENCE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT SCIENCE WHICH IS NOT OFFICIALLY GIVEN OUT CAN BE CONSIDERED SECRET..THIS MAY MAKE HIS RECEIPT OF PAPERS ON PARAPSYCHOLOGY A VIOLATION OF THE LAW. TOTH WAS NOT CHARGED OR ACCUSED, BUT WAS TOLD TO RETURN ON JUNE 15 FOR MORE QUESTIONING. (MOSCOW 8518, CONFIDENTIAL/ EXDIS.)

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